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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BARROR TALKS OF QUITTING THE OAS

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1. PM BARROR TOLD A
ROTARY GROUP ON NOVEMBER 8 THAT BARBADOS CONTEMPLATES
QUITTING THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. HE CONTENDS
THAT THE OAS -- DESPITE ITS DEDICATION TO SELF-DETERMINATION
-- ACTUALLY GOES AGAINST THAT PRINCIPLE IN FAVORING GUATEMALA
IN THE DISPUTE. HE ALSO ALLEGES THAT THE UNITED STATES AND
ITS "INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS," WHICH "FEAR THE SPREAD OF
SOCILISM," SUPPORT GUATEMALA IN THE DISPUTE.

2. COMMENT: BARROW HAS ALREADY COME OUT STRONGLY AGAINST
GUATEMALA IN THE DISPUTE OVER BELIZE (REFTEL REPORTS ONE
INSTANCE.) THIS, HOWEVER, TO OUR KNOWLEGE, IS THE FIRST
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TIME HE HAS SPOKEN OF A POSSIBLE PULL-OUT FROM THE OAS.

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WE DOUBT HE MEANS IT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HE IS
WELL KNOWN FOR HIS TENDENCY TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS
BASED ON EMOTION RATHER THAN LOGIC. WHAT BARROW'S WORDS
TO THE ROTARIANS LAST SATURDAY NIGHT CONVEYED, BESIDES HIS
WELL-KNOWN STAND ON THE BELIZE ISSUE, WAS HIS VIEW THAT THE
OAS CONSISTS OF TWO DISTINCT GROUPINGS--THE LATINS,
WHO DOMINATE AND WHO ARE IN THE MAIN UNDEMOCRATIC AND MILI-
TARISTIC AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, BARBADOS AND THE OTHER
CARIBBEAN ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS (AMONG WHICH AND INDE-
PENDENT BELIZE WOULD BE FOUND) ESSENTIALLY DEMOCRATIC AND
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PENDENT BELIZE WOULD BE FOUND) ESENTIALLY DEMOCRATIC AND
SOCIALISTIC STATES. THE UNITED STATES, IN BARROW'S REGIONAL
VIEW, HAS A PREDILECTION FOR THE FORMERGM
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